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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF U.S. DIPLOMAT IN AMMAN 10/28:

SITREP 2

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Classified By: DCM Gregory L. Berry. Reasons 1.5 (b,d).

**¶1.** (U) NIACIT PRECEDENCE REQUIRED BECAUSE OF URGENCY OF INFORMATION

**¶2.** (S/NF) At approximately 1045 local time, the Ambassador spoke with GID Director Sa'ad Kheir regarding the shooting of USAID employee Larry Foley. Director Kheir conveyed his condolences and said that the GOJ (GID and PSD) were immediately implementing a new heightened security plan to protect U.S. interests in the Kingdom. Kheir said that he had already spoken with PSD Commander Tahsin Shurdom and the plan would include putting both additional uniformed PSD and plainclothed GID personnel at all sites frequented by Americans (including the school and all U.S. Embassy residences). Kheir noted, however, that while the GOJ will do all it can to protect Americans in Jordan, Embassy staff will have to take steps to protect themselves as well (such as varying routes and times, etc.).

**¶3.** (S/NF) Kheir said that while the GID had taken strong measures to prevent such an incident, the situation in Jordan is difficult and "things will not be as quiet as they seem." He said there was a strong possibility that other outrages could occur. He said the GID is running all its traplines on suspect organizations and individuals in Jordan and expressed confidence that the GID would be able to identify and apprehend the assailant, whatever his affiliations.

**¶4.** (S/NF) Shortly after the Ambassador's conversation with Kheir, King Abdullah called the Ambassador both to express his condolences and also to indicate that he would not hesitate to use every resource available to protect the American community and find the assailant.

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